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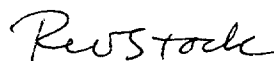
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Professor Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Professor Lederberg:

Thank you for your comments on Lee Edson's article in The Week in Review. We understand your concern that you should be associated with a simplistic "remaking of man" concept, as you put it. However, we feel that a closer examination of the article will indicate that the author sought to prevent such an interpretation. That is, he spoke of your discussions of the "chemical replotting of heredity"--but then went on to say that "some" - as opposed to you, yourself - "have been applying Dr. Lederberg's concept of gene modification to a restructuring of humanity." He then goes on to talk about Sinsheimer. His effort was to distinguish you from the "new eugenics," as he called it, rather than identify you with it. If you feel that the effect was otherwise, we do sincerely apologize; it was certainly not our intent.

Sincerely,



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